



Hubbell Highlights



An International Baccalaureate World School
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Hubbell Elementary School empowers lifelong learners to meet the challenges of tomorrow's global world.

DECEMBER, JANUARY and FEBRUARY CALENDAR

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL Mrs. Carrie Belt

General Information

Please remember school breakfast starts at 7:50 students should not be arriving before then. If you child is not eating breakfast then they may enter the building at 8:00. All students need to be in their homerooms at 8:15.

Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather the days are getting colder. Students will be going outside for recess so they need winter coats, hats, and gloves. Our district policy is to go outside if it feels like 15 degrees or warmer.

IB Unit 3 Begins

Each new unit of inquiry provides a rich opportunity for parental engagement and involvement. Please enjoy the 6 week unit as a way to foster learning connections at home. See the IB Updates section of this newsletter for more information.

Happy Holidays

Hubbell enjoys a diverse student and family population that mirrors our fine city. This time of year in particular give our students terrific opportunities to gain understanding and appreciation for peers with different traditions. This aspect of International-mindedness is important for us as an IB school

December

5	7:30 a.m.	Reader Leaders
9	7:00 p.m.	2 nd and 3 rd grade Music program
12	7:30 a.m.	Book Buddies
22-31	No School	Winter Break
NO PTA meeting in December		

January 2014

2		School Resumes
2	7:30 a.m.	Reader Leaders
7	6:00 p.m.	PTA meeting - library
9	7:30 a.m.	Book Buddies
21	NO SCHOOL	Martin Luther King

February

4	6:00 p.m.	PTA meeting
6	7:30 a.m.	Reader Leaders
13	7:30 a.m.	Book Buddies
19	2:00-8:00	Conferences
19		Book Fair
26	2:00-8:00	Conferences
26		Book Fair

HUBBELL OFFICE HOURS

The office staff will be off during Winter Break. Have a Happy and Safe Holiday. See you on Thursday January 2nd.
Carrie and Sherrie

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REPORTING ABSENCES

If your child is ill or will be late to school due to doctor appointments, please call the school at 242-8414 between 7:45 and 8:30 a.m. to report the absence. Please contact Metro Kids Care directly if your child is not in school or goes home sick - the phone number is 242-8383.

Hubbell Attendance Committee reviews the attendance of all students on a monthly basis. Students with 3 or more absences or tardies will receive a letter from the committee. The committee recommends doctor notes when possible and phone calls when your student will be absent. For further information on the Attendance Policy - please stop in the office and pick up a copy. Thank you.

LOST AND FOUND

Please remember to check the lost and found bin which is located outside the office under the information table. We will be donating any unclaimed items to the during the holiday break. Thank you.

TRANSPORTATION

Parents please remember that it is cold now and bus stop waits can sometimes be a lot longer than normal. It is still important to be at your stop on time, but be prepared for possible longer waits on bad weather days. PLEASE be sure your child is dressed warm with hats, gloves and winter coats. Thank you.

OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parents - please help the office keep updated records by providing us with current emergency information.

If you have moved, or have a change of phone number for home, job, or emergency contacts, it is VERY IMPORTANT that you notify the office. You can call or stop in anytime and we will update the information in the computer right away. Over the past month we have had several situations when parents could not be reached because their information is outdated and the kids were unable

to provide us with numbers. We appreciate your help with this.

EARLY OUTS

REMINDER WE HAVE EARLY OUT EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 1:30 PM. PLEASE BE SURE YOUR CHILD KNOWS HIS/HER AFTER SCHOOL PLAN. THANK YOU!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Monday, March 26th
1:00 - 7:00 pm

Families, it is very important that if you have a kindergarten age student who will begin school in August 2014 that you attend the Kindergarten Registration day. The district cannot guarantee a spot at your homeschool if you are not pre-registered and they will assign you a student placement at another school. If you have any questions please call the office. Thank you.

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Mrs. Beebe

With cold and flu season approaching, students may be bringing medication to school. Please remember that **ALL** prescription and non-prescription medications must be sent to school in the original container. Non-prescription (over-the-counter) medication must include a note from a parent **AND** the doctor indicating the name of the medicine, the dosage, and how many days the medicine should be given. Prescription medicine must be sent with the prescription label attached and requires only written parental/guardian consent. If a prescription medication is to be given, please ask the pharmacist for an extra bottle for school, and send just the amount needed for school use. All medication must be kept in the nurse's office. Students are not permitted to have medication in their possession during the school day. If you have any questions, please call the nurse's office.

LIBRARY NEWS

Chris Waschle

National Young Readers Week was November 4th-8th. During this week the PTA gave each student a

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new paperback book. Many thanks to the PTA for purchasing the books for the students.

Thanks to Connley Corcoran, Cooper Kissell, Parker Knollinger and Quinton Williams for donating books to the Hubbell library.



4th and 5th grade music program



4th graders perform



Music Program



Great attendance at the music performance

NOTES FROM MUSIC

Mrs. Glynn



The Nutcracker Ballet

Hubbell 3rd grade music students are studying The Nutcracker Suite by Tchaikovsky. They will examine how the story is portrayed in the music and how it is told through movement in the ballet. The unit will culminate with a visit to the Civic center on December 9th to see the ballet performed.

Hubbell Chorus

Hubbell Chorus will be taking their music on tour on December 12th. They will sing at Wesley Acres in Des Moines and Macauley Terrace in Johnston.

December Gifts

On Monday, December 9th the 2nd and 3rd grade classes will present their music program at 7:00 in Maguire Gymnasium. It is called December Gifts and will be about the most important gift of all. Please come and find out what it is!

Fall Music Info

On Monday, November 4th the students in 4th and 5th grades presented their Fall Music performance entitled Take Time in Life. Students sang,

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performed body percussion, played instruments and chanted their favorite music from their first trimester of music classes. A highlight was singing and playing a piece from the Orff volumes we called Scary Music along with Benjamin Britten's Abram Brown

CREATIONS FROM THE ART ROOM

Mrs. Ethington

Kindergarten will be learning about and working with clay. Clay comes from the earth. When we work with clay we like it wet and soft so that it can be shaped. We will add texture and pattern to clay. When clay is dry it breaks easily but when baked in a special oven called a kiln it becomes hard. The last step will be adding a glaze to our clay, this also needs to be fired in the kiln.

1st grade will be making pinch pots out of clay. Our pinch pots will have a design along the edge and be glazed. We will also be finishing our self-portraits.

2nd Graders have been learning about communities. They are creating a row of four buildings. They will include four different types of buildings: a home, a building that keeps you safe, a place that makes you a better person, and a place to spend money.

3rd Graders are learning about Aboriginal Art. They are creating their own designs including an animal of their choice and lots of line and pattern.

4th Graders learned about the artist Norman Rockwell and are doing Mainstreet USA drawings. This is Mrs Ethington's favorite 4th grade project. Students will be writing a poem to go with their drawings.

5th Graders are learning about different careers in art. Next they will be studying Vincent Van Gogh and doing a painting in the style of Starry Night. They will use tempera paint and mix a lot of their own colors.

NEWS FROM PE

Mr. Swanson

What's happening in PE these days? Hubbell's students continue to get their exercise and learn about its benefit to the body through fun games and activities during their class time. You can help by making sure that your child gets to participate by wearing appropriate shoes for their own safety on their PE days. Just a reminder that boots of any kind can be unsafe and are not suitable for PE class.

Winter months sometimes lead to inactivity for our students. One way to help with this is to combine television with exercise. Suggest to your child activities like stretching, exercises, running in place, rope jumping, etc. while watching television. Combining these two should make exercise more fun and beneficial!

HUBBELL SAFETY PATROL

Tom Swanson & Anita Babe

The Hubbell Safety Patrols are busy keeping your children safe at the street corners. Thank you for encouraging your children to listen to the patrol's directions and safely cross our intersections especially during these slick and snowy months.

Also help keep Hubbell students safe by encouraging your children to safely walk their bikes and carry their skateboards by the building and along the Hawk Walk where there are so many people. Thanks for supporting the safety patrols.



5th Grade at Biz Town

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Working hard at Biz Town



Working in the restaurant



In the sports store

BIZ TOWN

Rick Maruca, Anita Babe & Paula Beaumont

Hubbell 5th graders spent Thursday, November 14 running JA Biztown. This was an activity for their unit on market places. They learned about the world of work, by taking on the various roles within stores, learning about pricing goods, profits, marketing and advertising. Thank you to our volunteers, Cory Williams, Pauline Moench, Julie Ruiz, Monika Van Nelson, Shannon Thome, Brian Bowley, Pam Krick, Kathleen Flick, Jana Lause, Nancy Landis, Dan Halstead, Frank Via, Kirsten

Lewis, Thai Huyuh, Jacob Lederman, Cindi Douglas, Dana Cleveland, Jill Fialkov, and Robyn Rasmussen for helping the fifth graders.

Special Topic for January Meeting Food and Nutrition

Kevin Saunders, PTA President

Please come join our next meeting on Tuesday, January 10th from 6 to 7. The meeting will focus on Food and Nutrition. We'll provide an informative presentation and leave plenty of time for questions. Child care is available.

The November PTA meeting included a variety of topics: lock down review, Bucks for Bailey, Whole Child Vision Award, IB News on AmeriCorps volunteers helping with service learning, and fundraising. Please see the PTA website for more details: <http://hubbell.dmschools.org/parents/pta-agenda-and-minutes/>

The Geography Challenge, our largest and most important fundraiser, is drawing to a close. Thank you for supporting Hubbell. We look forward to providing you with more updates on upcoming activities including the PTA Reflections Contest and the Silent Auction and Fun Night.

SEX OFFENDER NOTICES

You can obtain information regarding sex offenders in the Hubbell neighborhood by accessing the following web site:

<Http://www.iowasexoffender.com>

ACCESSIBILITY NOTICE

Persons with disabilities who need information about accessibility or who need sign or language interpreters, please contact the Director of Student and Family Services, (515) 242-7714

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CLASE DE ESPAÑOL / SPANISH CLASS

Please check out our new website <http://hubbellspanish.weebly.com/>

Kindergarten

The Kindergarten students will be learning colors and shapes. Fun ways to practice at home are to talk about colors in Spanish while coloring and also playing *I spy*. Below is a list to help you as you practice. ¡Gracias!

LOS COLORES	
Yellow = Amarillo	Green = Verde
Orange = Anaranjado	White = Blanco
Red = Rojo	Grey = Gris
Pink = Rosa	Black = Negro
Purple = Morado	Brown = Café
Blue = Azul	Cream = Crema

First Grade

The first graders will be learning calendar and weather vocabulary to go along with their current IB unit – People recognize important events through celebrations. They will compare their own celebrations to those of children in Spanish speaking countries. Below is a list to help you as you practice. ¡Gracias!

TIEMPO	
Hace buen tiempo=It's nice weather	
Hace mal tiempo=It's bad weather	
Hace frío=It's cold	Hace calor=It's hot
Hace viento=It's windy	Hace sol=It's sunny
Está nublado=It's cloudy	
Está lloviendo=It's raining	
Está nevando=It's snowing	

Second Grade

The second graders will be learning family vocabulary to go along with their current IB unit– People develop and maintain relationships for a variety of reasons. Please use the list below to practice talking about your family at home. ¡Gracias!

LA FAMILIA	
Mama= Mom	Tío=Uncle
Papa=Dad	Tía=Aunt
Hermano=Brother	Primo(a)=Cousin
Hermana=Sister	Bebe=Baby
Abuelo=Grandpa	Sobrino=Nephew
Abuela=Grandma	Sobrina=Niece

Third Grade

Third graders will be looking at forces of nature to go along with their IB unit – Changes to the Earth's surface affect living things. They will be using their computer skills to make groups presentations in Spanish as well. Here is a list of vocabulary you could practice at home. ¡Gracias!

FUERZAS DE LA NATURALEZA	
Avalanche=avalanche	Drought=sequia
Earthquake=terremoto	Flood=inundación
Forest fire=fuego	Hurricane=huracán
Landslide=derrumbe	Monsoon=monzón
Storm=tormenta	Tornado=tornado
Snowstorm=tormenta de nieve	
Windstorm=tormenta de viento	

Fourth Grade

The current fourth grade IB unit is traditions reflect beliefs and values of a culture. To go along with this, students will learn about traditions that are common in Spanish speaking countries and share traditions common for their own family. They will also focus on calendar vocabulary and family vocabulary. Please practice family vocabulary at home if you have a chance. ¡Gracias!

Fifth Grade

The fifth grade students will be practicing verb conjugations to get ready for middle school Spanish. They will also use previously learned vocabulary to practice the correct use of adjectives. Remember to ask your child to share these Spanish skills with you at home. ¡Gracias!

ser - to be

yo	soy	nosotros	somos
tú	eres	vosotros	sois
él/ella Ud	es	ellos/ellas /Uds	son

tener - to have

Presente	
yo	tengo
tú	tienes
él, ella, usted	tiene
nosotros, nosotras	tenemos
vosotros, vosotras	tenéis
ellos, ellas, ustedes	tienen

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This page of the Hubbell Highlights is a learning page for our community. Each newsletter, a different aspect of the International Baccalaureate (IB) program will be highlighted. Hubbell teachers put in an immense amount of extra effort and time to ensure your children have a well-rounded education that prepares them for the 21st century. Please feel free, at any time, to contact me with questions about IB and the Hubbell curriculum.

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What is an IB education?

Do you ever get questioned about what exactly is unique about your child's education in an IB school? If you have, you know the answer is not a simple one. There is so much that goes into an IB education that it is difficult to sum it all up! Here is our answer to this not-so-simple question.

Our curriculum at Hubbell goes beyond filling the minds of our learners with factual information and topics. Our teachers work together to plan for and implement a curriculum that is concept-based. Our goal is for students to develop a deep understanding of concepts that not only transcend time but are relevant to people all around the world. To develop a deep understanding of these concepts, teachers and students constantly ask provoking and challenging questions about their learning. These questions are higher level questions that require critical thinking skills, such as what is our responsibility in caring for the earth? How do we know what our contribution to a relationship is? What are the different points of view regarding experimentations that impact society? These are just a few examples of the critical thinking questions students ask—questions that will be relevant even as students enter the working world many years from now. Our teachers pose problems and situations to allow students to explore concepts through collaborative group work and problem solving. Students work together to research, experiment, create, and reflect. For example, in the fourth grade energy unit, groups are given wire, a light bulb, a battery, and the task to make the light bulb work. Students experiment, discuss, problem solve and eventually complete the task, thus developing a very concrete understanding of circuits and energy. Later in the unit, groups of students create a presentation on a different form of energy they feel is a better source of energy for the world to harness. Our students learn to ask, investigate, reflect, ask some more, and take action. In essence, they learn how to be learner not just for the school day, but for life. This is what makes our IB education unique!